(b) the number of cases in which the court judgements went against the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited;

(c) the details of action taken by the authorities to implement the court judgement;

(d) whether any study has been made or proposed to be made to know the reasons why the employees have to go to courts for redressal of their grievances; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) During the last three years, (1989-91) 86 cases were filed in Court by the employees of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, Delhi.

(b) Out of 39 cases decided so far, decisions in eight cases went against the Department;

(c) Out of eight cases decided against the department, the decisions of the Court in seven cases have been implemented. On legal advice, review application has been filed in the remaining one case, pending before the court.

(d) All efforts are made by the Department to satisfactorily mitigate the grievances of the staff. Out of 39 cases decided by the Courts during last three years, only 8 cases were decided against the Department. No specific study has been made, or presently contemplated in this regard.

(e) Does not arise.

Telephone exchange in the country

2749. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of telephone exchanges installed as on 30th May, 1992;

(b) what is the total number of Gram Panchayats connected by Telephone service upto 30th May, 1992; and

(c) whether there is any specific scheme to provide STD facilities to all the exchanges in the country; if so, the details thereof indicating therewith the number of exchanges have been so far provided STD facilities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The total number of telephone exchanges installed as on 30th May, 1992 is 16117.

(b) The total number of Gram Panchayats connected by Telephone service upto 30th May, 1992 is 69,587.

(c) As per objectives of the Department all the exchanges in the country are proposed to be extended with the STD facility during the 8th plan period. The scheme drawn is based on order of priority:—

(1) All the pending district headquarters.

(2) All the sub-divisional headquarters.

(3) All Tehsil headquarters.

(4) All telephone exchanges of capacity 500 lines and above as on 1.4.90)

(5) All tourist centres, industrial centres, pilgrim centres.

(6) Other automatic exchanges.

As on 30.5.92 the number of stations connected with STD is 1429 and with MSTD is 49. Thus a total of 1478 stations have STD/MSTD facility.

Tie up for modernising service network in telecommunications

2750. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Modi Group of Industries has tied up with the Australian overseas Telecommunication Corporation for Modernising Service network in telecommunications; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?